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1. EC CASE OFFICERS FOR KRAFT LINER AND BLEACHED PULP
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GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MISSION OFFICER ON MARCH 3:

2. KRAFT LINER
(A) U.S.

COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING
A REGULATION IMPOSING A PROVISIONAL DUTY ON U.S. KRAFT
LINER EXPORTS. AS ONE MEMBER STATE HAS REQUESTED THE

IMPOSITION OF SUCH A DUTY, THE COMMISSION MUST DECIDE WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS (BY MARCH 6) WHETHER TO IMPOSE IT. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSIONERS WILL BE TO IMPOSE A DUTY ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B. RECOMMENDATION WILL CALL FOR PUBLICATION OF A FAIR MARKET PRICE OF \$250 TO \$255 PER METRIC TON CIF. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO IMPOSE A DUTY ON SHIPMENTS INVOICED BELOW THAT AMOUNT SO AS TO BRING THEIR PRICE UP TO IT. THE PROVISIONAL DUTY WILL BE IN EFFECT WHILE THE COMMISSION COMPLETES ITS INVESTIGATION. EC PROVISIONAL DUTIES NORMALLY RUN FOR THREE MONTHS BUT CAN BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS.

(B) SWEDEN, FINLAND, PORTUGAL AND AUSTRIA
CONFRONTATION SESSIONS WITH EXPORTERS FROM THESE FOUR COUNTRIES TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1. AS A RESULT, ALL FIRMS HAVE AGREED TO UNDERTAKINGS TO RESPECT A GIVEN PRICE ON EXPORTS TO THE EC MARKET. IN CONFIDENCE, COMMISSION OFFICIAL STATED THAT PRICE WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE FAIR MARKET PRICE PUBLISHED IN THE EC FINDING WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S.

(C) USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
THE EC HAS SO FAR TAKEN NO FORMAL ACTION AGAINST EXPORTS OF KRAFT LINER FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES.
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COMMISSION OFFICIALS CONSIDER THIS LARGELY A GERMAN PROBLEM AND REVEALED THAT THE FRG HAS SENT NOTES TO BOTH COUNTRIES INFORMING THEM THAT, ON THE BASIS OF A PRICE EXAMINATION, PRICES APPEAR TO BE LOWER THAN WOULD BE CORRECT. COMMISSION OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE FRG WILL BE ABLE TO REACH A SATISFACTORY BILATERAL CONCLUSION WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES. IF NOT, AN EC ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION COULD BE OPENED.

(D) CANADA
A CONFRONTATION SESSION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10 WITH CANADIAN EXPORTERS.

3. BLEACHED PULP - THE EC CASE OFFICER FOR THIS CASE STATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NOT YET FORMALLY DECIDED TO OPEN AN INVESTIGATION AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH A DECISION NEXT WEEK. OPPOSITION TO OPENING AN INVESTIGATION CONTINUED TO ARISE AT THE FEBRUARY 27 MEETING OF THE EC ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE. THE COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE COMPLAINT TO USEC AND TO COMPANIES NAMED IN IT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

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